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To,

Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Chhattisgarh,  
Forest Department, Mantralaya,  
Mahanadi Bhavan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar (CG).

**Sub: Diversion of 83.6241 ha of forest land in favour of NHAI, Bilaspur for Rehabilitation and Upgrading to 4-Lane with Paved Shoulder Configuration of Bilaspur-Katghora Section of NH-111 in Bilaspur District in the State of Chhattisgarh- regarding.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to the letter no. F-5-23/2019/10-2 dated 17.12.2019 of the State Government of Chhattisgarh, on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. It is to say that after examination of the proposal of the State Government, 'In-principle' approval was accorded by the Central Government vide its letter dated 31/07/2020. The State Government of Chhattisgarh has now submitted a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval and requested for final approval of the proposal.

In this connection, it is informed that on the basis of compliance report submitted by the letter no. Krmank 5-23/2019/10-2 dated 10.01.2023 of the State Government of Chhattisgarh and additional information was submitted by the letter no. Krmank/F-5-23/2019/10-2 dated 27.12.2023 the State Government of Chhattisgarh, the Central Government hereby accords **“Final /Stage-II Approval”** under Section- 2 (i) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 83.6241 ha of forest land in Favour of NHAI, Bilaspur for Rehabilitation and upgrading to 4-lane with Paved Shoulder Configuration of Bilaspur- Katghora section of NH-111 Bilaspur District in the state of Chhattisgarh, which is subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. **Compensatory Afforestation:**
  - a. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the forest department over 176.738 ha degraded forest land (compartment no. 2023 and 2021, Range – Marwahi, Division –marwahi) at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;



- b. CA patches of 63.013 ha proposed under compartment no. PF-2021 in marwahi range shall be fenced and the cart road passing through the patches shall avoid any future encroachment;
- iii. The cost of Compensatory Afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
- iv. **NPV:**
- a) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- v. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land supervision of the state forest department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the state forest department;
- vi. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portai (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
- vii. The State Government of Chhattisgarh/ Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department of Chhattisgarh shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (No. 2 of 2007) before issuing an order for handing over of forest land to the User Agency as per Rule-11 sub-rule (7) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 dated 29.11.2023;
- viii. User agency shall strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms shall be raised by planting tall seedlings of 8-10 feet in height at the cost of user agency, further same shall be protected by chain linked fencing at least for initial three years of its growth. In forest patches, plantations of ornamental species should be avoided and preference shall be given to native forest tree species including fruits bearing tree species like Mango, Banayan, Tamarind etc;
- ix. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the protected area/forest area;
- x. User agency in consultation with forest department shall increase size of all box culverts proposed in large chunk of forest patches, preferably up to 3×2 meters and a report in this regard shall be submitted to Regional office;
- xi. **The existing carriageway in the forest area, in the patches corresponding to re-alignments, shall be dismantled and land shall be handed over back to the state forest department. A reclamation plan by planting suitable species of trees shall be prepared in consultation with the forest department and the amount so required will be deposited with the forest department by the user agency for taking up**



**reclamation of the area. A copy of plan so prepared shall be submitted to Regional Office, Raipur;**

- xii. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- xiii. NHAI shall develop a separate nursery at one or more places to raise at least 50,000 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local every year. At least 50% of seedlings shall be planted by User Agency in the vicinity of project area including forest area and for better relation with local people residing in vicinity of proposed road, NHAI shall voluntarily distribute remaining 50% of seedlings to them free of cost. A compliance report including species wise details of seedlings raised, location of plantation area and details of villagers whom seedlings have been distributed need to be prepared every six month and submitted to Regional Office of MoEF&CC;
- xiv. The boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;
- xv. The user agency shall arrange to raise strip plantation on either side of the road and central verge at project cost, as per IRC specification, with maintenance of 10 years;
- xvi. Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the roads within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost;
- xvii. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the user agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the state forest department or the forest development corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- xviii. The designing of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;
- xix. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- xx. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xxi. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- xxii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval on the Central Government;
- xxiii. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
- xxiv. The User Agency shall submit six monthly self- compliance reports as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to this office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State;
- xxv. The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year;



- xxvi. Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- xxvii. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less;
- xxviii. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- xxix. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

*Chaturbhuja*  
9/4/24  
Chaturbhuja Behera, IFS,  
Inspector General of Forests.

Copy to:-

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2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aranya Bhawan, Sector-19, Nava Raipur, C.G
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aryan Bhawan, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
4. User agency.
5. Guard file

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